

Police Avert Possible Lynching Here

Post Office Falls Just Short of Minimum for First-Class

The Torrance post office came within \$4,632 of fulfilling gross postal receipts for a first-class post office.

"I wish we could have fiscal the \$44,000 minimum business that would have raised our status to first-class," he said.

Extend Postal Delivery Service Here With Truck

The total receipts for the past 12 months were \$39,368.27 as compared with \$34,107.17 for 1935-36.

Postal receipts, by quarters during the past 12 months, were: September \$8,463.13

October 10,751.35

November 9,444.13

December 10,709.66

TOTAL \$39,368.27

One of the reasons for the increase cited by Postmaster Conner was the gain in air mail. This local reaction was typical of post offices all over the country.

Harbor Chambers Assemble Tonight

Headed by E. M. Barber, president-elect of the civic organization, a number of local Chamber of Commerce members are expected to attend the monthly dinner meeting of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce tonight at the Elks clubhouse in Redondo Beach.

Musical Comedy Takes Form Here

"Love's in the Air," a Lucien Denni musical comedy, will be presented in the Civic Auditorium, Friday and Saturday evenings, July 23 and 24, under the auspices of the Torrance Woman's club.

"Change Orders" Incorporated

Two resolutions recently adopted by the city council for "change orders" on the construction and design of the New Civic Administration building rising on El Prado were rescinded by the civic board Tuesday night.

Power Obtained for Alondra Park Well

Contract with the Southern California Edison company for construction of a power line into Alondra Park to bring electric energy necessary for operation of the electric pump for the new water well that is being drilled was authorized this week by the board of supervisors.

G. P. Launches Huge Program of Expansion

Shoving building construction figures into the highest bracket in many years for this date, a permit was issued to the General Petroleum corporation Tuesday for \$620,000.

The \$620,000 project is in addition to the recently-launched building program that totaled \$146,000 during the past two months when a number of huge tanks were installed.

Included in the building permit issued by City Engineer Frank R. Leonard this week were provisions for the erection of the following facilities: Three boilers, a heater, two cooling towers, two control houses, a reflux pump, bubble col, heat exchanger, flash col, reboller, fraction tower, stripper tank, exchanger, pump and another tank.

Modernization Work Begins at Steel Plant

With much of the foundation work already completed, actual construction work was begun this week by the Columbia Steel company on the extensive modernization and mechanization program at its Torrance plant.

Installation of the new furnace in the sheet mill got under way and it is contemplated to erect the new three-high sheet mill about Aug. 1, according to E. M. Barber, general superintendent. The three-high sheet mill, one of the most modern pieces of equipment in the steel industry, should be completed by Sept. 1, it was predicted by Barber.

A. N. Diehl, president of the company, was here Tuesday to inspect the new developments at the local mill.

While other departments of the Columbia plant were boasting new equipment, foundrymen this week proudly exhibited two huge valve castings, said to be the largest butterfly water valves ever constructed. Each valve casting weighs 30 tons. The valves will be used in a Los Angeles county flood control project.

Library Branch Rental Delayed

If the three members of the city library board who were present at the city council meeting last night had accepted the offer of the council to recess, permitting them to act on the recommendation of library quarters at Watteria that business would have been concluded.

But the three—Mayor W. H. Tolson, former Mayor W. H. Stanger and Councilman James Hitchcock—declined to act on the matter without the president of the library board, Scott R. Ludlow, being present. So the authorization of a lease with James Lewis for Watteria library quarters had to be held over until the next council meeting.

The city board insisted that the lease be recommended by the library authorities. The rental will be \$25 monthly with the city paying for the water, light and gas. The owner of the room is pledged to repair the roof before the library moves in.

PASS ROAD OPEN

Sierra Nevada range in Yosemite is cleared of snow and open to travel.

FOUR MOODS OF SLAYER



Albert Dyer, 22-year-old WPA crossing guard who has confessed the gruesome slaying of three little Inglewood, Cal., schoolgirls, is shown in the picture at upper left as he smiles with bravado when first arrested.

Laundry Strike Shows Signs of Weakening and Settlement

Despite protestations by the leader of the union group that "the strike is going on at full speed," observers of the Torrance laundry labor difficulty were of the opinion this week that the walkout-and-picket episode was showing signs of weakening and eventual settlement.

Aide to Rojo Dies Suddenly

Not until early last Friday, the day of the funeral, did the sudden death of Mrs. Carrie Allen, secretary of the laundry firm for 14 years, on Tuesday evening, June 29, become known here. Mrs. Allen, who was 41 years of age, succumbed to a heart attack at her home, 348 66th street, Los Angeles, it was reported.

The funeral service was held in a Los Angeles mortuary chapel and was attended by a number of Mrs. Allen's acquaintances who are now on strike. They abandoned the picket line to attend the rites and also sent flowers. The first part of the service was open to the public and then all but immediate members of the family were requested to attend.

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Reporter Garbles Notes, Loses Decimal Point in Comparison of Water Rates

A misplaced decimal point in a reporter's notes caused an error in last week's Herald that resulted in a barrage of queries at the municipal water office and a fine crimson face for the now-decimal-point-conscious newshawk.

Crossing Guard and Aged Man Accused By 6 Little Girls

From the trembling lips of six little girls, the youngest six and the oldest 13, was drawn testimony here yesterday morning which resulted in two men, one a 37-year-old WPA school crossing guard and father of two little girls himself, the other a nearly deaf 84-year-old odd job worker, being rushed to the county jail to await trials on felonious moral charges.

Robert Lessing's court, the defendants, both of whom were arrested within an hour of each other last Saturday morning, were sped to Los Angeles for safekeeping.

Here's One for Ripley: NOTHING MARS HOLIDAY JOYS WITHIN TORRANCE

The impossible happened here over the prolonged Fourth of July holiday. To the everlasting credit of the city let it be recorded and known throughout the nation that Torrance was one place where in not a single accident of any kind occurred, not a single arrest was made, not a police call of any description was heard to mar the celebration Sunday and Monday of Independence Day!

Legion Post Elects Barkdull Commander

Grant Barkdull, well-known meat market operator, was elected commander of Bert S. Crossland Post, American Legion, Tuesday night, to succeed F. B. "Pat" Boyle. The installation will be held Aug. 3. Other officers-elect are:

Charles Myers, first vice-commander; Dewey Goddard, second vice-commander; H. C. Bender, sergeant-at-arms; James Wilkes, chaplain, Lyle Doan, finance officer; Louis Deiningner, historian, and Tom Babbitt, who was re-elected adjutant. Members of the executive committee will be William Stanger, Boyle and James Burchett.

The four delegates to the department convention named Tuesday night were Louis Deiningner, Alex McPhail, B. F. Peterson and Burchett, while the alternates are Goddard, Boyle, Wilkes and Charles Smith.

Charles Walters, chairman of the 19th district Boy Scouts, was the principal speaker at the post meeting. He is a candidate for district commander. Plans were made for a steak bake and baseball game for the recently-organized Sons of Legion. This will be held Friday night, July 16, at the City Park with the Legion playing host to the youngsters.

Building-Loan Funds Insured

Hailed as one of the most important developments in its 15-year history, officers of the Torrance Mutual Building & Loan Association are proudly exhibiting a "Certificate of Insurance," received yesterday from the Federal Savings & Loan Insurance Corporation at Washington, D. C. Receipt of this certificate is official notification that all accounts up to \$5,000 deposited with the local building and loan association are now fully protected by federal-sponsored insurance. The Federal Savings & Loan Insurance Corporation is similar in its operation to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation which guarantees bank deposits.

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May Claim Insanity

In her pink dress, white socks and brown and white shoes, the child appeared out of place in the somber courtroom where a man was undergoing examination on such a heinous charge. She answered the deputy district attorney's questions clearly and distinctly after declaring that she well understood the

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